

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 BEIRUT 05169 231044Z

43

ACTION NEA-09

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SCCT-01 IO-10 SY-05 FBIE-00 CIAE-00

DODE-00 PM-03 H-02 INR-07 L-02 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-02

PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-15 SAM-01 SAB-01 AID-05 /087 W

----- 004438

R 230817Z APR 75

FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4003

UNCLAS BEIRUT 5169

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EWST,LE

SUBJECT: WAREHOUSE FIRE AT BEIRUT PORT - STATUS OF OPERATIONS

1. FIRE OF UNKNOWN CAUSE BROKE OUT IN WAREHOUSE NO. 6 OF PORT OF BEIRUT APRIL 19, ABOUT 8:45 P.M. BLAZE SWEEPED 4,065 SQ. METER WAREHOUSE AREA CONTAINING, AMONG OTHER PRODUCTS, NEWSPRINT, CANNED FOODSTUFF, AUTOMOBILE TIRES, JUTE BAGS, YARN AND MACHINERY. FIRE BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL BY 2:00 A.M. AND EXTINGUISHED EARLY MORNING APRIL 20. DAMAGE ROUGHLY ESTIMATED BY DG PORT OF BEIRUT AT FOUR TO SIX MILLION LEBANESE POUNDS.

2. PORT TECHNICAL MANAGER REPORTS PORT ACTIVITY RETURNING TO NORMAL FOLLOWING CEASE-FIRE IN LEBANON'S RECENT CIVIL DISTURBANCES. PORT AUTHORITIES READY TO OPERATE ON 24-HOUR BASIS PROVIDING STEVEDORES, DOCKERS, AND DAILY WORKERS PREPARED TO RESUME REGULAR WORK SCHEDULE.

3. SHIP SITUATION BEIRUT PORT ON APRIL 22: 63 CARGO VESSELS WAITING OUTSIDE HARBOR FOR THEIR TURN; 27 VESSELS INSIDE HARBOR FOR LOADING AND UNLOADING OPERATIONS; 24 REGISTERED WITH BEIRUT PORT, DEPARTING TO NEARBY PORTS FOR DISCHARGING CARGO, RETURNING TO BEIRUT FOR THEIR TURN.

GODLEY

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 BEIRUT 05169 231044Z

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: STORAGE, FIRES, BONDED WAREHOUSES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 23 APR 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975BEIRUT05169
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750142-0619
From: BEIRUT
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750422/aaaaauep.tel
Line Count: 60
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: ShawDG
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 07 JUL 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <07 JUL 2003 by SilvaL0>; APPROVED <02 FEB 2004 by ShawDG>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: WAREHOUSE FIRE AT BEIRUT PORT - STATUS OF OPERATIONS
TAGS: EWWT, LE
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006